SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA (PUDRAUNA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, today, I have got an opportunity to speak after having waited for long...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Mr. Chairman, Sir, today during the Bihar Bandh the police vehicle are being used to carry anti-social elements ... ..*Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing is going on record except what the hon. Member, Shri Ram Nagina Mishra speaks.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Sir, Narayani river flows through Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. There is 40-50 km. long dam to check floods over there. Unfortunately two kilometres of erosion area falls in Bihar. The area of erosion is two metres below than level of river. The D.M. of Pudrauna telephoned me that erosion in Piprasi is occurring in larger area and the situation is very grim. Only 10-15 feet of dam is left now. Thousands of Pudrauna villages will be submerged with the change of flow of the river. The Irrigation Minister of Uttar Pradesh and I had gone to see the condition there. It is a matter of two States. I demand that the Union Government send a team of experts there so that the erosion can be controlled. Otherwise thousands of villages will be submerged and it will be difficult to rehabilitate the villagers. The Minister of the concerned department and team of experts should go there and see the condition.....*(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Nitish Kumar, you know very well that what you are speaking is not going on record.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Again, nothing will go on record other than what Prof. Kurien says.

*(Interruptions)**

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (MAVELIKARA): Sir, I would like to mention an important matter. *....(Interruptions)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please do not degrade this Parliament.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record other than what is said by Prof. Kurien.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nitish Kumar ji, please cooperate.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then, I am forced to declare that the House stands adjorned till 2.10 P.M.

* Not Recorded

13.08 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Ten Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.17 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Seventeen Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

(SHRI CHITA BASU in the Chair)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Home Minister.

SHRI RAM NAIK (MUMBAI NORTH): Sir, is he replying to the debate?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. He is making a statement.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): We would like to have a debate on this matter.

14.18 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

[English]

Issue of Seeking Army Assistance by the CBI for Execution of a Warrant of Arrest in Patna

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: The issue of an attempt to utilise the services of the Army in connection with the arrest of Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav, former Chief Minister of Bihar, was raised in this House yesterday and Members had expressed concern about the same. I have ascertained the position in this regard.

Following the rejection of the petition for anticipatory bail of Shri Yadav by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the afternoon of the 29th July, 1997, the Central Bureau of Investigation took steps and made arrangements for executing the warrant of arrest issued by the Special CBI Court in Patna. This was to be done by the 6th August, 1997. The decision within the CBI was to effect the arrest on the morning of the 30th July, 1997 and instructions were issued by the CBI Headquarters to the local formation that assistance of the State authorities should be obtained In this operation, that the Chief Secretary of the State and other senior officers should be taken into confidence for this purpose, and that utmost tact and care should be exercised.

It appears that the officers concerned with this case decided to execute the arrest warrant during the course of the night of July 29/30, 1997. It further appears that after having been unable to establish contact with the Chief Secretary of Bihar and having been given to understand by the Director-General of Police of Bihar that making necessary security arrangements would entail some extra time, the Joint Director of the CBI at Calcutta, who has been supervising this case, directed the SP, CBI at Patna, to seek the assistance of the Army in the execution of the arrest warrant. The